

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (currently amended) A method ~~[[for]] of~~ transmitting messages on a telecommunications network, ~~characterized in that it comprises the method comprising~~ the steps of: ~~[[(-)]~~
receiving ~~[[(17)]]~~ from a sender terminal ~~[[(18)]]~~ a text message, ~~[[(-)]~~

synthesizing from the text message a synthesized voice signal,

generating a video content having an animated image as an image of a character that pronounces the synthesized voice signal,

integrating ~~[[(16)]]~~ said text message with ~~[[a)]~~ the video content ~~[[,)]~~ to generate a multimedia message, and ~~[[(-)]~~

transmitting ~~[[(10)]]~~ to at least a recipient terminal ~~{12, 13, 14}~~ said multimedia message in the form of a ~~[[n MMS]]~~ Multimedia Messaging Service message.

2. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that it comprises further comprising~~ the step of

receiving ~~[[(17)]]~~ said text message in the form of a ~~[[n SMS]]~~ Short Messaging Service message.

3. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising ~~o-claim 2, characterized in that~~ the steps of: [[-]]

identifying the type of recipient terminal ~~{12, 13, 14}~~ able to receive said multimedia message by identifying the characteristics of said recipient terminal, and [[-]]

adapting [[(16,326 ; 10)]] said [[MMS]] Multimedia Messaging Service message to the characteristics of said recipient terminal ~~{12, 13, 14}~~.

4. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 3, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein it comprises the step of integrating said text message with a generated video content [[(326)]] in such a way that said multimedia message is suited to the characteristics of said recipient terminal ~~{12, 13, 14}~~.

5. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 3, ~~characterized in that~~ further comprising the steps of: [[-]]

complementing said text message with a video content determined independently from the characteristics of the recipient terminal ~~{12, 13, 14}~~ and [[-]]

adapting [[(10)]] the multimedia message thereby obtained to the characteristics of said recipient terminal ~~{12, 13, 14}~~.

6 - 8. (canceled)

9. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising ~~8, characterized in that it comprises~~ the step of

generating the image of said character by means of a text animation system ~~[[{308,310}]]~~.

10. (currently amended) The method as claimed in ~~any of the previous claims, characterized in that~~ claim 1, further comprising the step of

integrating ~~[[{328}]]~~ said ~~[[MMS]]~~ Multimedia Messaging Service message with background music ~~[[{330}]]~~.

11. (currently amended) The method as claimed in ~~any of the previous claims, characterized in that~~ claim 1, further comprising the step of

including in said video content an image animated GIF image in Graphics Interchange Format.

12 - 13. (canceled)

14. (currently amended) The method as claimed in ~~any of the previous claims, characterized in that~~ claim 1, further comprising the step of

providing [[,]] in said sender terminal [[(18)],] a script function for the selection of said video content and of said recipient terminal {12, 13, 14}.

15. (currently amended) The method as claimed in ~~any of the previous claims, characterized in that~~ claim 1, further comprising the step of

providing [[,]] in said sender terminal [[(18)]], a function for the automatic correction of any error ~~which may be~~ contained in said text message.

16. (currently amended) The method as claimed in ~~any of the previous claims, characterized in that~~ claim 1, further comprising the step of

associating [[to]] with said text message meta-information for selectively modifying the characteristics of said video content.

17. (currently amended) The method as claimed in ~~any of the previous claims, characterized in that~~ claim 1, further comprising the step of

associating ~~[[to]]~~ with said text message additional information in the form of emoticons for selectively modifying the characteristics of said video content.

18. (currently amended) The method as claimed in ~~any of the previous claims, characterized in that~~ claim 1 wherein said video content is selected ~~within~~ from the group constituted by: ~~[[~~

an animated ~~[[GIF]]~~ image in Graphics Interchange Format ordered in frames, with respective portions of said text message associated thereto, ~~[[~~

an animated ~~[[GIF]]~~ image in Graphics Interchange Format accompanied by compressed audio, and ~~[[~~

a video clip ~~completed with~~ containing audio.

19. (currently amended) A system for transmitting messages on a telecommunications network, ~~characterized in that it comprises — the system comprising:~~

a reception module ~~[[(17)]]~~ for receiving a text message from a sender terminal ~~[[(18)]]~~, ~~[[~~

a voice synthesizer for synthesizing from the text message a voice signal,

a motion-generating module for generating an animated image as an image of a character that pronounces the synthesized voice signal,

a video-generating module for generating a video content comprising the animated image,

a processing set [(16)] having at least a data base [(302,314, 330)] of video information and at least [an] one integration module [(326,328)] for integrating said text message with a video content [,] to generate a multimedia message, and [-]

a transmission module [(10)] for transmitting to at least a recipient terminal {12, 13, 14} said multimedia message in the form of a [n MMS] Multimedia Messaging Service message.

20. (currently amended) The system as claimed in claim 19, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said reception module [(17)] is configured to receive from said sender terminal [(18)] a text message in the form of a [n MMS] Short Messaging Service message.

21. (currently amended) The system as claimed in claim 19, further comprising ~~or claim 20, characterized in that~~ comprises: [-]

a detection module [(300; 10)] for detecting the type of recipient terminal {12, 13, 14} intended as the recipient of

said multimedia message by identifying the characteristics [[TD]] of said recipient terminal, and [-]

a module ~~{16,326,-10}~~ for adapting said [[MMS]] Multimedia Messaging Service message to the characteristics of said recipient terminal ~~{12, 13, 14}~~.

22. (currently amended) The system as claimed in claim 21 ~~, characterized in that wherein~~ said integration module [[(326,328)]] is configured for integrating said text message with a generated video content [[(326)]] in such a way that said multimedia message is suited to the characteristics of said recipient terminal ~~{12, 13, 14}~~.

23. (currently amended) The system as claimed in claim 21 ~~, characterized in that wherein~~ said integration module [[(326,328)]] is configured to integrate said text message with a determined video content independently from the characteristics of the recipient terminal ~~{12, 13, 14}~~ and in that the system has, associated therewith [[to]], a module for the transmission of MMS messages [[(10)]] configured to subject said multimedia message to an step [[(10)]] of adapting it to the characteristics of said recipient terminal ~~{12, 13, 14}~~.

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24 - 26. (canceled)

27. (currently amended) The system as claimed in claim 26, ~~characterized in that~~ 19 wherein said motion-generating generation module [[308,310]] is a text animation system, ~~such as the JoeXpress system.~~

28. (currently amended) The system as claimed in ~~any of the previous claims 19 to 27,~~ characterized in that it comprises claim 19, further comprising

a database [[330]] of background music co-operating with said ~~at least an~~ integration module [[326,328]] to integrate said [[MMS]] Multimedia Messaging Service message with background music.

29. (currently amended) The system as claimed in ~~any of the previous claims 19 to 28,~~ characterized in that claim 19 wherein said integration module [[326, 328]] is configured to include in said video content an animated [[GIF]] image of Graphics Interchange Format.

30. (canceled)

31. (currently amended) The system as claimed in ~~any of the previous claims~~ claim 19 a-30, characterized in that wherein said reception module [[17]] includes an information extraction block [[300]] for extracting from said text message received from

said sender terminal [(18)] at least a field identifying a characteristic [(s)] of said video content [(,)] selected within from the group constituted by: [(-)]

a virtual character [(P)] to be used for the presentation of said text message, and [(-)]

a background [(A)] of said multimedia content.

32. (currently amended) The system as claimed in ~~any of the previous claims 19 to 31, characterized in that claim 19 wherein~~ said processing set [(16)] having said ~~at least a~~ database [(302,314, 330)] of video information and said ~~at least an~~ integration module [(326, 328)] to integrate said text message with a video content is configured to generate a multimedia message selected within the group constituted by: [(-)]

an animated [(GIF)] image in Graphics Interchange Format ordered in frames [(,)] with associated respective portions of said text message, [(-)]

an animated [(GIF)] image in Graphics Interchange Format complete with [(a)] compressed audio, and [(-)]

a video clip complete with audio.

33. (currently amended) A sender terminal for a system as claimed in ~~any of the previous claims 19 to 32, characterized in that claim 19 wherein~~ said sender terminal [(18)] is provided

with a script function for selecting said video content and said recipient terminal ~~{12, 13, 14}~~.

34. (currently amended) The sender terminal for a system as claimed in ~~any of the previous claims 19 a 32,~~ characterized in that claim 19 wherein said sender terminal ~~[[18]]~~ is provided with a function of automatic correction of any error which may be contained in said text message.

35. (currently amended) The sender terminal for a system as claimed in ~~any of the previous claims 19 a 32,~~ characterized in that claim 19 wherein said sender terminal ~~[[18]]~~ is provided with a function for associating ~~[[to]]~~ with said text message meta-information for selectively modifying the characteristics of said video content.

36. (currently amended) The sender terminal for a system as claimed in ~~any of the previous claims 19 a 32,~~ characterized in that claim 19 wherein said sender terminal ~~[[18]]~~ is provided with a function for associating ~~[[to]]~~ with said text message additional information in the form of emoticons for selectively modifying the characteristics of said video content.